



Senate

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File No. 611

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 170

Senate, May 4, 2001

The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. CRISCO of the 17th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE HOSPITAL DISCHARGE PROCESS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 The Office of Health Care Access shall conduct, within existing
- 2 budgetary resources, a study of the discharge process of all hospitals in
- 3 the state and shall determine the appropriateness of such process and
- 4 the adequacy of hospital discharge plans, particularly with respect to
- 5 persons with psychiatric disabilities and homeless persons. The
- 6 Commissioner of Health Care Access shall submit a report of the
- 7 office's findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee
- 8 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
- 9 public health not later than February 1, 2002, in accordance with
- 10 section 11-4a of the general statutes.

APP *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Affected Agencies: Office of Health Care Access, Dempsey Hospital (University of Connecticut Health Center)

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation**State Impact:**

This bill requires the Office of Health Care Access (OHCA) to conduct an analysis of the hospital discharge process in Connecticut and submit findings and recommendations by February 1, 2002. The bill mandates that this be done within the Office's existing budgetary resources.

As no new funding has been included for this purpose under OHCA's budget within sHB 6668 (the Appropriations Act, as favorably reported by the Appropriations Committee), the agency will devote its normally budgeted resources to a limited study of this issue, which might incorporate a review of other states' experiences, input from industry representatives through focus groups, or a review of accreditation standards and how they relate to discharge practices.

It is anticipated that Dempsey Hospital at the University of

Connecticut Health Center can contribute to the study within its anticipated budgetary resources.

OLR Bill Analysis

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COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 24 Nay 0

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 31 Nay 14